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Applicant SUMITOMO ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES, LTD.		

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International application No.

PCT/JP99/06039

1. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*} the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____ 1-2.5-13 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____ 3.4 _____, filed with the letter of 07 August 2000 (07.08.2000)

 the claims:

pages _____ 6,11,13,15 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____ 1-5,7-10,12,14 _____, filed with the letter of 07 August 2000 (07.08.2000)

 the drawings:

pages _____ 1-9 _____, as originally filed

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/sign _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).^{**}

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V. Reconsidered statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 10-130032, A (Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.), 19 May, 1998

Concerning claims 1-15

The subject matters of claims 1-15 appear to be novel, since they are not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR.

A constitution such that a cooling mechanism for cooling the upper part of a preform housing cylinder is provided and that the cooling quantity is adjusted to prevent the inner wall of the preform housing cylinder from being broken by overheating is not disclosed in document 1, considered closest to the present application among the prior art documents.